
NEWS RELEASE

West Nipissing participating in the expansion and growth of today's mining world.

WEST NIPISSING, (ONTARIO) Thursday, February, 2007, the Government of Canada through Economic Partners Sudbury East West/Nipissing Community Futures Development Corporation is helping to generate new economic growth and prosperity by investing in RANGER Survey Systems.

RANGER Survey Systems is a worldwide leader in the mining surveying sector and is more than proud to open its Canadian Headquarters in Sturgeon Falls (West Nipissing), Ontario. With its head office located in Australia and other agents located in the Chile and the US of A, Ranger Survey Systems is quickly becoming a KEY player in today's mining world.

Drill holes are the root of all mines and gathering as much information as possible from a drill hole is so important. When considering the amount invested in drill holes and the following huge investment in the construction of a mine, the drill hole is a small expense that should be utilized to its maximum potential. Ranger Survey Systems is committed to bring added value to borehole construction and surveying by producing and representing high quality in hole survey equipment and innovative drilling tools for the mining industry.

"This NEW venture presents a unique opportunity to create new sustainable employment opportunities in Sturgeon Falls (West Nipissing), Ontario, by maximizing the use of modern technology," says Peter Middleton, President of Ranger Survey Systems. "By expanding our operations in Canada it will enable us to better serve Northern Ontario's and furthermore, the worlds mining sector."

The Municipality is pleased to see that the hard work brought forward by Councilor John Dobbs and Chair Royal Poulin along with the Economic Development Authority team has attracted this type of industry to our area. "Attracting an industry of this type demands many hours of work and a lot of devotion on behalf of committee members and staff" says Joanne Savage, Mayor of West Nipissing. "The committee strives to implement projects listed in the 2003 Strategic Plan, and catching the attention of a mining industry was one of those projects listed". says Councilor John Dobbs.

The financial investments announced today are only a few of many initiatives in contributing to the prosperity and continuous growth of West Nipissing.

"This investment demonstrates once again Economic Partner's CFDC commitment to improve the quality of life for the people and communities of Sudbury East and West Nipissing. We recognize that this contribution creates new opportunities for economic growth in the community of West Nipissing and we are working closely with the community to achieve their goals." says Paul Schoppman, Chair of Economic Partners Sudbury East / West Nipissing CFDC.

Economic Partners CFDC is one of 61 Community Futures Development Corporations in Ontario. CFDC's are funded by Industry Canada/FedNor Community Futures Program to deliver a wide variety of services in support of community economic development and small business growth. They employ local staff and are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of local residents representative of the community at large.

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